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For : *POROUS COATINGS BEARING LIGAND ARRAYS  
AND USE THEREOF*

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AMENDMENT UNDER RULE 312

Commissioner for Patents:

This Amendment is filed in response to the Notice of Allowability, dated September 27, 2004. A copy of this Amendment Under Rule 312 is being submitted today under separate cover along with submission of the Fee Transmittal in response to the Notice of Allowance, dated September 27, 2004.

Please amend the specification of the subject patent application as follows:

At page 58, line 9, change "applications" to --Application No. 09/326,479--.

At page 58, line 11, insert --Patent No. 6,569,598, entitled-- after "and".

At page 67, lines 24-25, change "copending application" to --Patent No. 6,569,598--.

At page 111, line 15, change "copending application" to --Patent No. 6,159,681--.

At page 122, line 32, change "applications" to --Application No. 09/326,479--.

At page 122, line 33, insert --Patent No. 6,569,598, entitled-- after "and".

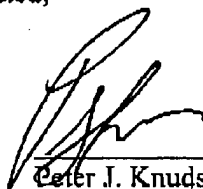
At page 124, line 14, change "copending application" to --Patent No. 6,569,598--.

At page 129, line 30, change "copending application" to --Patent No. 6,569,598--.

These amendments to the specification update the status information regarding cited patent applications, which were copending with the subject application. As is readily apparent, these amendments do not add new subject matter to the application.

Applicant respectfully requests entry of the foregoing amendments prior to publication of the patent issuing from the subject application.

Respectfully submitted,



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